GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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DROUGHT PRONE AREA PROGRAMME
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the results of the Drought Prone Areas Programme(DPAP) since 1995-96 till date;

(b) whether any assessment regarding increase in productivity of land, overall economic development and the socio-economic conditions of the people living in these areas has been done by the Government;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Union Government have conducted any survey to identify Drought Prone Areas of various States affected annually;

(e) if so, details of such areas identified during the last three years and the current year, State-wise;

(f) the funds allocated and released by the Union Government to each State during the said period, year-wise;

(g) whether some States have not utilised the total funds allocated/provided by the Union Government to tide over the situation;

(h) if so, the names of the States and the reasons therefor;

(i) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to mitigate the suffereings of the people of such States; and

(j) the amount sanctioned for Drought Prone Area Programme in the Tenth-Five Year Plan?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ANNASAHEB M.K. PATIL)

(a) to (j) Since the adoption of watershed approach from 1995-96 till date, 16268 watershed projects have been sanctioned to treat an area of about 81.34 lakh hectares. The year-wise details of projects sanctioned to programme States is contained in Annexure I. Out of the total sanctioned projects 3750 projects are deemed to have been completed as the entire Central funds for these projects have been released. The remaining projects are at various stages of implementation.

In order to assess the impact of the DPAP projects, Impact Assessment studies have been carried out in some programme States. These studies reveal that due to implementation of these watershed projects, the overall productivity of land has increased, water table has gone up and there has been a significant positive impact on overall economic development of the inhabitants in the project areas. The studies also indicate that green vegetative cover, irrigation, crop yield etc. have also improved in these areas.

In 1994-95 a High Level Technical Committee by adopting a scientific criteria like rainfall, moisture index, extent of irrigation facilities etc., identified the extent of drought prone areas in the country. Presently, the DPAP programme covers 74.6 million hectare spreas over 182 districts in 16 States. Thereafter, no subsequent annual surveys have been conducted to review the DPAP coverage. However, the areas not covered under DPAP are being taken up for treatment under Integrated Wasteland Development Programme (IWDP) which is also implemented on watershed basis on the analogy of DPAP.

A watershed project is to be completed over a period of five years. Under DPAP, specific allocation of funds to the States is not made as it is a demand driven programme. The central share is released in seven instalments to District Rural Development Agency (DRDA)/Zilla Parishad (ZP). The first instalment is released along with the sanction of new projects and the subsequent instalments are released only on the basis of specific proposal received from the concerned DRDA/ZP along with Utilization Certificates, Audited Statement of Accounts, Quarterly Progress Reports, etc., as per the provisions contained in the Guidelines for Watershed Development. While releasing the funds it is ensured that the concerned State Government has released its share of funds and the concerned DRDA/ZP has utilized more than 50% of the last instalment of funds released to it. The year-wise detail of funds released to programme States is given in Annexure 2. The financial performance of Drought Prone Areas Programme is about 80%. To further gear up the implementation of these projects, the existing monitoring mechanism has been strengthened. A system of supplementary monitoring mechanism has also been introduced. In addition, the District Vigilance and Monitoring Committees under the chairmanship of local Members of Parliament have been set up.

The Planning Commission has approved Rs.1500 crore for DPAP in the Tenth Five Year Plan.

Annexure I referred to in reply to parts (a) to (j) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No.1246 due for answer on 29.7.2003

Annexure I

Drought Prone Areas Progrmme

State	Number of projects sanctioned							
	1995-96	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99	1999-00	2000-01	2001-02	2002-03 Total
Andhra Pradesh	527	60	321	700	587	314	166	291 2966
Bihar	101	0	0	0	0	28	46	60 235
Chhatisgarh	234	0	0	0	0	197	106	116 653
Gujarat	275	100	19	55	230	329	110	241 1359
Himachal Pradesh	33	21	0	0	17	77	40	50 238
Jammu & Kashmir	-	0	10	22	0	132	44	66 274
Jharkhand	263	0	0	0	19	200	173	164 819
Karnataka	406	0	0	0	248	266	245	221 1386
Madhya Pradesh	661	0	0	0	265	657	238	265 2086
Maharashtra	818	0	0	0	219	578	296	300 2211
Orissa	192	0	0	0	0	111	221	160 684
Rajasthan	182	0	0	0	18	271	96	113 680
Tamil Nadu	297	0	0	103	299	0	61	144 904
Uttar Pradesh	282	99	56	0	286	93	92	158 1066
Uttaranchal	117	0	0	0	90	58	90	97 452
West Bengal	135	0	0	0	0	60	28	32 255
Total	4523	280	406	880	2278	3371	2052	2478 16268

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Drought Prone Area Programme

Details of Dunds released from 1995-96 to 24.7.2003

State	Details of Funds Released (Rupees in lakhs)									
	1995-96	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99	1999-00	2000-01	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04	Total
Andhra Pradesh	2106.55	2619.63	2292.50	2290.62	2670.75	4759.58	4067.00	4854.99	1344.81	270006.43
Bihar	724.71	34.00	115.13	238.28	229.99	100.19	242.06	249.75	42.94	1977.05
Chhatis-garh	Included in Madhya Pradesh				680.75	700.28	1599.62	189.00		3169.65
Gujarat	1013.96	731.06	528.48	776.95	878.81	1427.34	1165.31	3273.13	771.45	10566.49
Himachal Pradesh	66.50	194.00	69.50	52.00	90.00	247.00	316.62	370.81	26.89	1433.32
Jammu & Kashmir	260.29	198.00	112.50	40.00	219.56	368.76	297.00	222.75	00	1718.86
Jhar-khand	Included in Bihar				686.60	882.13	553.50	326.05		2448.28
Karna-taka	1159.04	493.55	786.39	908.28	801.91	1425.97	2093.75	2265.04	327.07	10261.00
Madhya Pradesh	1938.70	2118.94	892.55	882.51	1401.75	2495.50	4361.00	4721.01	1100.29	19912.25
Maha-rashtra	1721.31	1260.73	1986.06	552.00	644.50	1898.75	2009.62	1294.62	127.89	11495.48
Orissa	403.84	295.00	63.84	274.55	46.25	681.69	970.10	901.10	262.03	3898.40
Rajas-than	643.77	152.00	419.00	173.50	385.75	980.75	1195.13	1430.93	488.66	5869.49
Tamil-Nadu	532.49	1223.56	707.34	272.71	827.30	908.50	864.88	1059.53	438.81	6835.12
Uttar-Pradesh	1093.16	1649.57	842.06	838.60	1093.18	183.63	905.72	1717.85	427.30	10405.07

Uttar- Included in uttar Pradesh 324.00 510.75 376.37 99 1211.12
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West- 230.33 28.29 259.67 0.00 209.25 135.00 317.65 108.00 00 1288.19
Bengal

Total 11894.65 10998.33 9075.02 7300.00 9499.00 18958.01 20899.00 24999.00 5873.19 119496.19
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to States
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Grand 11894.65 10998.33 10075.02 7300.00 9500.00 19000.01 20951.62 25000.00 5873.10 120592.81
Total